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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Columbus Day Safety Message 2005

1. Columbus Day commemorates the spirit of exploration and the discovery of what has become the greatest country on earth. This holiday also provides a precious opportunity for our Soldiers, civilians, and their families to relax and have fun. Whether you are on-duty or not, make the right decisions to insure you have an accident-free weekend.
2. Since October of last year we have lost seven Soldiers to off-duty accidents. Of these fallen comrades, six were from vehicle accidents. Speeding, alcohol, and the failure to use seatbelts contributed to their deaths. I ask all Soldiers to remember the Warrior Ethos, maintain the standard, and make informed decisions. I ask all leaders, civilians, and families to make safety personal. Show the courage and concern to take care of your comrades. Don't let them fall because we did not step forward to prevent an unsafe act.
3. Whether you stand duty or spend time with family and friends this weekend, I thank you all for your great work for our Army and Nation. Have a great weekend. Be Safe! One Team!

Be Safe!

  
JOHN M. BROWN III  
Lieutenant General, USA  
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